Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Andrew and Brita Johnson were descendants of the Spinnel-Annas family in Sweden; and,

WHEREAS, Andrew and Brita Johnson immigrated to the United States and South Dakota in 1882; and,

WHEREAS, Descendants of Andrew and Brita Johnson have invited all the Spinnel-Annas family from the United States, Canada and Sweden to attend a reunion in Platte, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, One Hundred Forty Swedish relatives will arrive in South Dakota in June to visit American and Canadian relatives at Platte and all of these relatives from Sweden, Canada and the United States are related or married to relatives of the Spinnel-Annas family; and,

WHEREAS, The host families responsible for this reunion are descendants of Andrew and Brita Johnson who settled and lived their entire lives in South Dakota on the land they homesteaded in 1882; and,

WHEREAS, An estimated one-half of the people in Sweden have relatives in America and many of the relatives coming for the reunion have never been to South Dakota nor have they met their American and Canadian relatives and since this is a once-in-a-lifetime trip and meeting for these relatives:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the days of June 29 and 30, 1980, as

SWEDES' DAYS

In South Dakota and urge all citizens to recognize the many contributions these hardy immigrant pioneers made to the development of our State and to encourage a friendly relationship between the citizens of South Dakota and the citizens of Sweden.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty

William Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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